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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Materiel Division, OSA****SUBJECT: OXCART Engine Deliveries  
and Overhaul**

1. During October 1963, responsibility for monitoring the J58 engine delivery and overhaul activities was transferred from Aircraft Systems Division to Materiel Division, OSA.

2. Since that time, the writer feels from contractor discussions that the contractor's overhaul support then described as inadequate for future flight program support is not improving fast enough. A capability of six engines per month through overhaul, coupled with a turnaround time of 8 weeks per engine was estimated by Pratt & Whitney for January 1964 and thereafter. That this target has not been reached at this time is not now hurting the program because of lower than planned flight activity. When flight activity increases as expected and approaches the planned rate of 12 to 15 hours per month per aircraft, the overhaul capability will be completely inadequate to support the program unless the overhaul rate of 6 engines per month together with an 8 week turnaround is realized.

3. It is recommended that joint MD and ASD pressure continue to be applied to the contractor and that the MD representative visit the Pratt & Whitney Florida facility with the ASD representative during February to review the program support planning factors and overhaul capability status.

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